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John
1:1

THE WORD
Existed
Before Any
Bible

In the **beginning**
was the Word,
and the Word
was with God,
and the Word
was God.

As many times as I
had read and heard
this verse, I was still
calling Bibles, any
version, “the word of
God” and, “the Word”
and, “God’s Word”.

Why?

I was doing that
because that was
what was coming
from pulpits.

Like so many, I
was reading the
verse correctly
but interpreting it
incorrectly just as
I had been taught
to do.

However, once I
finally stopped
fighting and rejecting
the correction I
received concerning
the error I so firmly

held, I read what
was there and
understood
it just as it is
written.

In the beginning
was THE WORD.
Since there were
no Bibles
“in the beginning”,
the Word, could
not be and can not
be any Bible or any

book or collection
of books.

THE WORD was
with God. Again,
no printing press,
no paper, no ink,
no English language,
no language at all
existed. So, no.

“The Word” couldn’t
be any Bible.

THE WORD was
God. Obviously,
Bibles aren't God.
If any Bible is
anyone's God,
that's idolatry.
God is worshipped.
Human-made
things should
never be
worshipped.

One may refuse
to acknowledge

the fact that
different Bible
versions are
different in terms
of actual words and
their meanings.
One may fail to
compare versions
for oneself.

Nevertheless,
from this scriptural
verse, and others,
surely anyone who

genuinely pursues
truth can see that
Bibles did not exist
IN THE **BEGINNING**
and, therefore, can
NOT be THE WORD.

Further,
what is called
“THE Bible”
contains many
writings of many
different people.
Though inspired

by God, even the
writers themselves
do not claim to be
God.

Where we are to
understand words
as coming from
God, Scripture
always plainly
states it with
phrases such as,
“thus saith the LORD”.

Why is it important
to know that no
Bible is “the Word”?
Understanding this
is necessary because
when we take every
word in Scripture to
be God speaking, we
can easily be misled
in our interpretation
and understanding,
and therefore,
in our actions.

Scriptures can be
twisted to manipulate
and control our
minds and behavior
and all, supposedly,
with God's authority
and approval when
we don't discern
who is talking and
in what context.

Words which were
personal meditations
or letters to other

individuals or
congregations,
for example, could
be wrongly
interpreted
as definitive promises
or guarantees directly
from God to us. Then,
when expectations do
not come to fruition,
the faith of many is
destroyed.

God, “the Word”,

was in the beginning.

We need to know
and fully comprehend
that.

Nothing else was
in the beginning.

“In the beginning
was the Word...”
is a crucial and
foundational truth.

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